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Fraternities To Open Rushing on Thursday

Interfraternity Council Assists Organizations In Solving Problems—Establishes Uniform Code of Action

Fifty-six Penn State social fraternities will begin their annual "rushing" period at 5 o'clock on the first day of Freshman Week, Thursday, September 15. Intensive entertaining of freshmen will begin at that time and continue until the bidding of new members at the close of the fifteen-day period.

Every Penn State social fraternity, national and local, is represented in a group known as the Interfraternity Council. The purpose of this organization is to "aid and assist in the solution of problems common to the various member fraternities, and to regulate and govern their relations with one another, with the College, and with the general public."

The way in which fraternities may rush, bid, and pledge new members is one of the important duties of the Council. Each year the outgoing representatives draw up a Rushing Code which applies to the forthcoming college year.

Rushing Defined
The 1932 Rushing Code defines "rushing" as "the presence of a rushee in a fraternity house or the presence of a fraternity man in a rushee's room." A "rushee" is termed "any non-fraternity man in his first year at Penn State."

At their first section meeting during Freshman Week each new student will be asked to make out a card giving his name, local address, home address, and religious preference. This information will be distributed to all fraternities by the following morning.

Early in Freshman Week all first year men will be given "date cards" on which members of a fraternity will sign the name of the fraternity in making a luncheon or dinner engagement with a rushee. These date cards are the only legal means by which a fraternity can make rushing dates. All rushees not classed as freshmen may receive date cards and further instructions at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

Fraternity rushing begins at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, September 15 and ends at 8 o'clock Friday night, September 30. No fraternity will be permitted to make more than four dates with a rushee for the entire period. The first two engagements must be completed before the second two can be arranged.

Silent Periods
"Silent periods," during which there is to be no communication of any kind between fraternity men and rushees, extend from the close of each evening date until the following morning at 8 o'clock. Two other silent periods, one in the middle of the fifteen-day period and one at the end, have also been scheduled.

Bids will be sent in by fraternities to the Student Union office in Old Main not later than midnight Friday, September 30. Rushees may receive all the bids assigned to them by calling at the Student Union office on Saturday, October 1, from 11 o'clock in the morning to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Although a fraternity "may enlighten the rushee in any fraternal matter," bids may be offered "only at the regularly scheduled time in the proper manner." The rushee shall signify the acceptance of a bid by appearing at the fraternity of his choice for dinner at 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, October 2.

Penalties which will be imposed in full or in part for violations of the rushing code include the following:
(a) Publication in the COLLEGIAN.
(b) Notification of national officers.
(c) Forfeiture of fifty dollar bond previously posted.
(d) Suspension of social privileges for the semester immediately following that in which the violation occurred.

FRESHMEN FORESTERS SPEND FIRST YEAR AT MONT ALTO

Approximately fifty freshmen enrolled in forestry will spend their first year at the following summer at Mont Alto, a branch of the Penn State school, where there are excellent physical facilities for training along practical lines.

First year men at Mont Alto have the same customs as those at State College. They also organize their own sports, activities, and clubs.

STUDENT COUNCIL, BOARD CONSTITUTE GOVERNING GROUPS

Tribunal Established To Punish Freshman Violations of College Customs

EACH SCHOOL SELECTS OWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Men, Women Choose Separate Groups of Class Officers At Spring Elections

Student government at Penn State is vested in two legislative bodies, the Student Council and the Student Board, composed of undergraduates elected for a term of one year.

Representatives from the three upper classes make up the Student Council—each of the seven schools in the College having at least one representative in each class. The President of the senior class serves as president of the Council.

The Student Board is made up of seven students and the Dean of Men. Three of its members are elected from the Council, two seniors and one Junior. The presidents of the three upper classes and the editor of the COLLEGIAN are other students on the Board, and the senior class president also serves as president of this group.

Student Council is the actual legislative body of student government. It recommends, creates, maintains, and regulates the customs and traditions of the College, taking steps to support and carry into effect any policy to sustain the good name of the College, and to promote mutual understanding between the faculty and student body.

Board to Coordinate
The Student Board has a primary mission of acting as a co-ordinating body between the Student Council and the College administration. This group meets each week with the Dean of Men to discuss student problems. The Board makes recommendations to the Council for the final sanction of that body. The Student Board also has the power to serve as a disciplinary body, making recommendations directly to the College administration.

The Student Tribunal, composed of five members elected by the Student Council, has a sole purpose of meeting out punishment to freshmen who break College customs.

The women students at Penn State have their own student governing bodies, the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate formulates all rules and regulations governing women students, penalizing as it sees fit all offenders of these regulations.

The House of Representatives deals with rules of lesser importance, governing the women's dormitories, quiet hours, signing out for social privileges, and appoints all chairmen of social organizations.

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Go Slowly

More so than ever before will freshmen be the target for students selling all sorts of articles this year. Some of the articles will be useless to the majority of freshmen and then again others will not be. The choice is theirs.

When a person buys an article under normal circumstances he considers its utility as well as his financial ability to buy. But conditions of Freshman Week are not normal. Everything is new and strange. Events are run off with surprising speed. For this reason freshmen are at a disadvantage to salesmen.

Go slowly in buying from these purveyors, most of whom spring up at times like these to reap a little harvest and then sink back into oblivion. This appeal is inspired out of pity for past freshmen who were once targets. If the incoming freshmen only evaluate and go slowly they can't go far wrong.

2 HONOR SOCIETIES REWARD FRESHMEN

35 Students Groups Choose Underclassmen for Success In Varied Lines

Two freshman scholastic honorary fraternities give the earliest recognition to students who have been outstanding in scholarship during their first semester. Thirty-five upper-class groups receive further achievement along these lines.

Phi Eta Sigma awards membership to all freshmen who at the end of their first semester have attained a 2.5 average or better. To those who have raised their grades to the minimum mark on the basis of work for the first two semesters membership is also extended. With chapters in thirty colleges throughout the country, the freshman honorary annually elects from thirty-five to forty new members.

Alpha Lambda Delta, sister organization of Phi Eta Sigma, performs similar functions for the women students at the College. Each year from five to eight women fulfill the 2.5 requirement.

Elect Twice Yearly
Honorary fraternities usually set up a minimum scholastic standard which a student must secure before he is considered for membership. Fulfilling the minimum requirement does not automatically make the student a member of the society. An election must first be held among the active members of the organization.

Nearly every branch of collegiate activity—scholarship, journalism, debating, dramatics—has its honoraries which usually elect members from the junior and senior classes on the basis of their achievements. When underclassmen have been outstanding in the field and the society ruling permits, exception is made to the custom of excluding freshmen and sophomores. Elections in most cases held twice a year, one in the Fall and the other in the Spring.

The highest ranking honorary for recognition of scholarship in all schools is Phi Kappa Phi which was established at Penn State in 1900. To become eligible for election a student must be in the upper twentieth of his class on the basis of seven semesters and fulfill the further condition that his average be at least 2.4. Election takes place in the senior year.

Membership in Pi Delta Epsilon, men's national fraternity, is given for achievement in journalistic work on campus publications. Sigma Delta Chi which was installed last year at Penn State is a professional society and offers membership to students majoring in journalism who intend to follow that line of work. Alpha Theta Epsilon is the women's journalistic society.

For work in debating, Delta Sigma Rho is the lone honorary fraternity.

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1225 New Students To Attend 8th Freshman Week Thursday; Will Register September 15-16

Enrollment Takes Place In Recreation Hall By Periods

CLASS OF 1936 RATES HIGH SCHOLASTICALLY

Figures Include Approximately 225 Women—50 Men At Mont Alto

Approximately 1,225 freshmen have been admitted to the class of 1936 and will register at assigned periods during the first two days of Freshman Week, according to an announcement by William S. Hoffman, College registrar.

With 441 having been graduated in the upper fifth of their classes, this year's freshmen compare favorably along scholastic lines with last year's class, which was the best prepared in the history of the College. Of the remainder, 346 were graduated in the second fifth, 204 in the third fifth, 91 in the fourth fifth, and 69 in the lowest fifth.

Totalling approximately 225, the number of women in the class of 1936 exceeds that in any previous freshman class. Of the men, 50 have enrolled in the forestry course and will spend their first year at Mont Alto.

Speech Test Required
Registration procedure this year is a speed-up from the old method. Each freshman will register during the two-hour period assigned to his section in the Freshman Week manual. Registration should not take more than twenty minutes.

Filling out a blank registration sheet is the first step in the procedure. Every question on the sheet should be answered completely because of the importance to various departments of the College.

Cards for each course scheduled should be secured and filled out next. They are sent to the professor who admits students to class with them, and at the end of the semester they are used to report the student's grade.

After completing these two steps, the registrant then goes to the treasurer's section where he pays his fees. An estimate of the probable amount can be made by consulting the last page of the Freshman Week manual. Checks for sums greater by more than ten dollars than the total amount of the fees will not be accepted by the treasurer.

Photographing each freshman is the final step in registration. The Penn State Photo Shop, located on East College avenue, will take the picture free of charge on presentation of the matriculation card which is received after the payment of fees.

Registration for upperclassmen will take place on Monday and Tuesday, September 19 and 20. All classes will begin at 1:10 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Historians and teachers of history from all over the State will attend a Pennsylvania Historical convention, conducted by the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies and the Pennsylvania State Historical Commission, here September 15, 16, and 17.

Five plenary sessions and two sectional conferences have been arranged for the visiting historians, who will be welcomed on Thursday morning by the Hon. J. Franklin Shields, president of the Board of Trustees. President Ralph D. Hetzel will preside at a dinner session at the Nittany Lion Inn Friday night.

To Welcome Freshmen



PRESIDENT R. D. HETZEL

STUDENT GROUPS DEVELOP ACTORS

Thespians, Penn State Players Enact Musical Comedies, Dramas During Year

The Penn State Players and the Thespians are student organizations which have been active in the same time period throughout the year.

Holding their first try-outs early in the Fall, both organizations give freshmen an opportunity to appear in productions. Casting is done by graduate directors on the basis of ability. In addition to the try-outs held in the Fall, casting for productions later in the year is done by further trials.

Enter Thirteenth Year
Entering their thirteenth season this year, the Penn State Players have produced over one hundred three-act plays. The Players staged five major productions during the 1931-1932 season and took part in a combined Players, Thespian, Glee club production in November.

Men for a long time filled all the roles in Thespian productions which first were made on the campus in 1897. In 1908, as the trend toward the musical comedy spread throughout intercollegiate drama, the Thespians adopted that type and since then have been producing the lighter form. Since 1930 roles have been open to women students. Membership in both Players and the Thespians is by election and is recognition for dramatic achievement in productions or for service on the mechanical staff.

ORATORS ADDRESS 2,600 IN 16 MEETS

Debating Team Offers Opportunity For Development Along Forensic Lines

Audiences totaling 2,600 persons heard members of the College debating team in an extensive program of 16 contests that took members of the squad 2,700 miles through the eastern and southern parts of the country last year.

Having approximately the same program each year, the debating team affords to students of all classes opportunity for development along forensic lines and for the exchange of ideas with representative undergraduates of other colleges.

Five questions were developed last year by a squad which was selected through competition. The policy of giving training in debate to as many students as facilities permit is maintained by the coaches. Weekly meetings are held and the process of building up sound cases is followed through from preliminary draft to polished speech. Work in debate among the women students is done in much the same manner as among the men.

Extensive reading in the library on selected topics, the writing of briefs

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Official Opening Follows Wednesday Night Assembly

GROUP ASKED TO ATTEND ALL SCHEDULED SESSIONS

Members Will Receive Physical Examination By College Health Service

With the first informal assembly scheduled for Wednesday night, the eighth annual Freshman Week will officially begin at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, September 15.

Freshmen will be welcomed to the College by President Ralph D. Hetzel and the Student Union at the opening convocation in the Schwab Auditorium at 8 o'clock Thursday night. All members of the freshman class are directed to be present at this and other meetings during the six-day period.

The Penn State Christian association will welcome new students at an informal assembly in Schwab Auditorium at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, September 14. Student counselors chosen from the upperclassmen will be introduced at this meeting and will meet for the first time with their sections immediately following the assembly.

School Meeting Schedule
Divided into twenty-two groups according to the school or curricula in which they are enrolled, all freshmen, with the exception of those in Chemistry and Physics, will begin activities with school meetings on Thursday morning. At these meetings, which will be the first of three or four in each school, freshmen will become acquainted with deans and departmental heads and will be given information on directions about their chosen course of study.

A thorough physical examination will be made of each freshman at scheduled hours during Freshman Week by the College Health Service at the dispensary in the basement of Old Main. A physical education conference will be held with all freshmen men at regularly scheduled hours in Recreation Hall.

During assigned periods, placement tests in English, chemistry and mathematics will be given to freshmen in certain schools. An intelligence test is also given to all freshmen for the general guidance of administration officers and advisers. In addition, two hours of library practice are scheduled for each section.

Each of the twenty-two groups will meet by itself six times. At two of these meetings, members of the faculty of the School of Education will give instructions on how to study. A third meeting will be in charge of upperclass student leaders who will instruct the freshmen concerning student traditions and customs, while the other three meetings will be with student counselors.

Sports Provided
Each morning at 11 o'clock all freshmen, unless otherwise scheduled, will assemble in the Schwab Auditorium for an hour of singing and cheering under the direction of Prof. Richard W. Grant, head of the music department, and undergraduates cheerleaders. Following the afternoon sessions, opportunity is provided for participation in outdoor sports, including football, baseball, tennis, golf, volleyball and quarts.

Mass meetings will be held each night, except Saturday and Sunday, in the Schwab Auditorium at 8 o'clock. The opening convocation will be held on Thursday night, while the program on Friday night will be conducted by the religious activities of the College Student government officers who will address the freshmen Monday night and on Tuesday night an athletic rally under the supervision of the Athletic Association will be held.

Special programs during Freshman Week have been arranged for the benefit of freshmen women. An athletic field day will be held on Monday afternoon.